GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that terrorists trained by ISI of Pakistan have been using Mobile phones and Pagers in many ways for triggering bomb blasts as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated June 10, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to check the misuse of Mobile phones and papers by ISI trained terrorists in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Government is aware about the capability of terrorists to use mobile phones and pagers for triggering bomb blasts. However, no such case has come to notice so far.

(c) & (d): Instructions have been issued to the concerned agencies to check the misuse of mobile phones and pagers by anti-national elements in the country and it has been made mandatory for all the service providers to confirm and obtain proof of address, identity etc. at the time of registration/sale of cell phone connections and cash cards.